Family Resource & Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky (FRYSCKy)
About Us

The Family Resource and Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky (FRYSCKy) is a non-profit organization of professionals (including educators and human services providers) who come together to provide legislative advocacy, training and support for Kentucky’s Family Resource and Youth Services Centers’ Coordinators and support staff.
Our Goal

The goal of the Coalition is to promote a network that strives to remove barriers to success in school through learning from each other, sharing resources and collaborating more effectively on behalf of children, youth and families.
FRYSCKy promotes a **network**, including *educators*, *family support practitioners* and other *human service providers*, who strive to remove educational barriers to learning, in order to learn from each other, share resources and collaborate more effectively on behalf of families, children and youth.
How is FRYSCKy Different from DFRYSC?

- DFRYSC is a state government agency that manages the business of the FRYSC’s state allocations and reports on the services that are in alignment with FRYSC’s Components.
- FRYSCKy is a non-profit organization with representation from each Region across the state that advocates for support and recognition of the FRYSC program with Legislators. FRYSCKy highlights and promotes the value of the services being provided by each Center.
Why is it important to know and to contact your Legislators?

Follow the Funding....
Don’t Be Afraid…. 
To Know Your 
Legislator!

Visit the **Public Policy & Advocacy** page on the Coalition website for helpful links to important information:

- **Find Your Legislator**
- **Information on Building Relationships with Legislators**
- **What’s the Difference…**
  - Advocacy vs. Lobbying (see embedded video on the page that discusses this topic)
    - **Advocacy** (to educate)
    - **Lobby** (to ask for change)

Check-out [www.fryscky.org](http://www.fryscky.org) for more information on these topics.
FRYSCKy coordinates:

- LEGISLATIVE PAGE DAYS
- LEGISLATIVE RECEPTIONS
- LEGISLATIVE RALLY
- FALL INSTITUTE CONFERENCE
- BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS
- NETWORKING RECEPTIONS
- BRIDGES OVER BARRIERS AWARD PROGRAM
- ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD RECOGNITION
- FRYSKY AWARNESS CAMPAIGNS (i.e. Child in My Pocket, Capitol Tunnel Decoration)
- Spring Gala
- Golf Scramble (coming September 2022)
The FRYSCKy Governing Body consists of a five (5) person Executive Board and a 23 person Board of Directors including a Membership Director, Historian, Public Policy positions, appointed positions from DFRYSC & KDE plus Regional Representatives from each FRYSC region.

Terms of office are two years.
EXECUTIVE BOARD

- PRESIDENT: Megan Nicodemus
- PRESIDENT ELECT: Tina Cook
- VICE-PRESIDENT: Jamie Issis
- SECRETARY: Michael Flynn
- TREASURER: Sherry Paul
Regional Representatives & Elected or Appointed Members

- REGION 1: Natalie Crawford
- REGION 2-BR: Hope Strode
- REGION 2-GR: Melissa Gregory
- REGION 3A: Kevin Gunn
- REGION 3B: Katie Wilkinson
- REGION 4: Marianne Smith
- REGION 5: Mandy Heacock
- REGION 6: Jenny Clark
- REGION 7: Jessica Hale
- REGION 8: Heather Sparkman
- REGION 9: Michelle McDonald
- REGION 10: Ashli Dunn
- REGION 11-N: April Duren
- REGION 11-S: Autumn Hardin
- HISTORIAN: Christy Hardin
- MEMBERSHIP: Lacey Phillips
- PUBLIC POLICY: Doug Jones, Liz Gardner Welch, Mary Ann Jennings, Leslie Hall
- PAST PRESIDENT: Leslie Hall
- DFRYSC REPS: Melissa Goins
- KDE REPS: Leslie Spears & Christina Weeter
All persons interested in the health, education, and well-being of children, youth and families may become members of this organization.

The FRYSCKy Board may establish categories of membership and association with different rights, benefits, and levels of dues.
Annual membership in FRYSCKY entitles an individual member or a designated representative of an organizational member to:

- Support of a major statewide advocacy organization
- Eligible to serve on the FRYSCKY Board of Directors
- Opportunity to receive scholarships to attend training and other conferences endorsed by the Coalition
- Membership card
- Affiliation with other professional organizations
- Frequent email and social media updates on critical issues and news from around the state
- Information on current advocacy issues pertaining to children, youth, and families
Board Participation:

- if elected, 4 meetings per year
- General Membership Meetings: held annually
- Frequent Legislative Information
Membership Options

- **OPTION #1 – Center (FRYSC Coordinator or Support Staff) ~ $60 annually**
  
  For school districts that are paying the fee, the membership remains with the Center, so if the current coordinator leaves, the new coordinator inherits the existing membership for the remainder of that membership period.

- **OPTION #2 – Individual (FRYSC Coordinator or Support Staff) ~ $60 annually**
  
  For individuals who are writing a personal check for membership. If individual changes jobs during membership period, the membership remains with that person.

- **OPTION #3 – Organizational (FRYSC Coordinator + Two) ~ $115 annually**
  
  This membership option allows the coordinator plus 2 additional FRYSC staff or school administrators or Advisory Council members from same Center to join.
Membership Options

- **OPTION #4 – Associate ~ $35 annually**
  
  Available for non–FRYSC staff (e.g. Principals, District Contacts, other positions not funded with FRYSC funds); see Member Benefits for details

- **OPTION #5 – Legacy ~ $25 annually**
  
  Available for retired FRYSC coordinators who wish to continue their support of FRYSCKy and to continue receiving news and information regarding the FRYSC program.
Website & Social Media

- **Website:**
  www.fryscky.org

- **Facebook:**
  Family Resource and Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky (FRYSCKY)

- **Twitter:**
  @FRYSCKy
Membership applications can be found on the website.
www.fryscky.org

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